



***Greetings from
Superintendent Bucks***

Fall has flown by and soon we will find ourselves in the Holiday season. This tells me the school year is moving quickly. Our fall conferences went well. Thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to visit with their child's teacher(s). We are trying something different for our spring conferences, they will be held at 3rd Quarter Mid-Term. There is a date change for these conferences. Originally they were schedule for Feb 7th and 8th, but there is basketball game on the night of the 7th so we pushed that round of conferences to the 6th of February.

We continue to monitor our buildings. Our water was tested for various contaminates, and I'm happy to say that everything came back good. We are working to schedule tests for mold and asbestos very soon. Tentatively we have been told by Co-Op Architecture that they hope to have architectural drawings available for the school board in November or December. We are continuing to repair boilers and pipes to keep our heating system in working condition.

Our teachers have been asked to respond to various questions from "Culturize", by Jimmy Casas and I'm happy to say with confidence that our teaching staff is outstanding. Their thoughtful responses are evidence that they are passionate and caring educators that want nothing but the best for the students of the Lemmon School District. We have a great group of teachers and support staff and I feel privileged to be able to work with them.



Elementary Math Night

**December/January 2018
Calendar Additions**

DEC	6	K-12 Music Concert @ 6:30
	13	JHGBB/JHBBS (H) HETT @ BEELER 4:30
	15	DBL HDR (H) HETT @ 2:00
	18	JHBBS @ MOTT/REG @ 4:30
	19	WR @ KILLDEER
JAN	7-11	DENTAL VAN
	21	ONE-ACT COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE

***Elementary Happenings with
Mrs. Carmichael***

As the holidays approach, we are in full swing at Lemmon Elementary. The months of October and November brought wonderful learning opportunities for students with Math Night, Red Ribbon Week, Veteran's Day, and Election Day. Mr. Heil's third-grade class set a beautiful example for our students and community by working collaboratively with Lemmon SAFE Communities to celebrate our local veterans. Each third-grade student contributed to providing multiple presentations at the Veteran's Day Program. Our first Math Night was a success with over 71 attendees. Students and parents joined elementary staff to practice math facts in a fun game-filled atmosphere at the Armory. The evening concluded with prizes and take home math kits for each student participant. To round out 2018 students are preparing for the upcoming Christmas concert on December 6th and the Social Studies Fair scheduled for December 19th. Please join us for both events to celebrate the accomplishments of our students. Happy holidays to the community of Lemmon and thank you for the support you provide to our students every day of the year!

CALENDAR CHANGES

MIDTERM CONFERENCES will be held on Wednesday, Feb 6 (due to JH/HSBBS game on Feb 7) from 4:30-7:30 pm and Friday, Feb 8 from 9-noon.

NO SCHOOL ON FEB 18 (President's Day) has been changed to NO SCHOOL on February 20 for Teacher In-Service.

There will be school on February 18, 2018

Elementary Positive Points

5th Grade

The 5th grade class has been busy with a variety of events. An ongoing project that is incorporated into our everyday learning is the 5th grade economy. Students fill out an application every two weeks for different jobs throughout the classroom. Every task in the class is assigned as a job. Students earn money by completing their jobs and also earn money through their daily, weekly, and quarterly grades. Students pay fines based on behavior, housekeeping, no names, etc. Recently the students started paying rent and utilities bills along with health insurance if they choose too. The students use their money to build their savings, buy property, and have opportunities to spend it in the classroom store or learn how to invest it. Economics is part of the 5th grade curriculum and this is a fun, unique way for the students to get to experience it on an on-going basis. A few upcoming projects we have are the annual Parent Feast where the students learn about fractions through cooking for their parents, and also our April Coffee House where students will present poetry that they produce throughout the year.

~Mrs. Ham

High School Positive Points

First quarter has been busy in my 7th, 8th, 9th & 11th grade Language Arts classes. Each day tends to be a new adventure in these classes which is, in some ways, similar to some of the adventures that they encounter in their reading or create in their own writing. This is definitely part of what makes teaching fun for me - joining them in the process of their learning and their lives.

The 7th graders read the novel *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick and examined character motivations and conflicts. They also analyzed the heroic characteristics of one of the main characters. As a culminating activity, they each chose a hero of their

own, did a bit of research and writing, created a poster, and presented their hero to the class. The seventh graders have some really great heroes. Currently, the 8th grade class is writing personal narrative essays where the goal is to effectively entertain the audience with sensory description and figurative language. The 9th graders are writing literary analysis essays and are challenged with the task of analyzing an author's use of irony in a short story.

As for the junior class, they are exploring American Literature this semester. They've read Native American creation myths, historical documents and speeches from the Founding Fathers during the Revolutionary War, *The Crucible* by Arthur Miller, and short stories and poems by Dark Romanticists such as Hawthorne and Poe. They are beginning a unit on Transcendentalism and looking at key works by Emerson and Thoreau. This group has had some great discussion as they've dove deeper into what can be some quite challenging texts.

My journalism students have also been busy designing the yearbook from cover to cover. This is always a fun and creative process as we start the year with 64 white pages and a blank cover, and by the middle of June it has turned into a memory/history book of the year. These students have also published one edition of *The Squeezer* and are on the verge of printing the October edition. They work diligently taking photos, writing, editing, and designing. They are definitely task and deadline driven, but still find time to share some stories and some giggles during the class period as well.

~Mrs. Dirk



Red Ribbon Week